



# Regional Support and Endorsement

## May 2019 Update

### Columbus Crossroads Phase 4 INFRA Application

Submitted to U.S. DOT on March 4, 2019



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

THE CITY OF  
**COLUMBUS**  
ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR



MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
**MORPC**  
PLANNING COMMISSION



## Updated Regional Support and Endorsement

Support and momentum for this project continues to build since ODOT submitted the application in March. The project was recently endorsed by *The Columbus Dispatch's* editorial board, joining more than 130 additional supporting organizations and agencies in Central Ohio that have recognized the significant need for the proposed improvements. These additional endorsements, as well as the original letters of support, are included here for your review and consideration:

### U.S., State, and Local Elected Officials

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine

United States Senate - Ohio Delegation\*

Sherrod Brown

Rob Portman

United States House of Representatives - Central

Ohio Delegation\*

Joyce Beatty

Steve Stivers

Troy Balderson

Ohio Senate - Franklin County Delegation\*

Stephanie Kunze

Hearcel Craig

Andrew Brenner

Tina Maharath

State Senator Bob Hackett\*

State Senator Brian Hill\*

State Senator Jay Hottinger\*

Ohio House of Representatives – Franklin County\*

Laura Lanese

Kristin Boggs

David Leland

Adam Miller

Bernadine Kennedy Kent

Richard Brown

Erica Crawley

Mary Lightbody

Beth Liston

Allison Russo

State Representative Rick Carfagna\*

State Representative Scott Ryan\*

State Representative Tim Schaffer\*

Franklin County Auditor Michael Stinziano

Franklin County Clerk of Courts Maryellen

O'Shaughnessy

Franklin County Coroner Anahi M. Ortiz

Franklin County Engineer Cornell R. Robertson\*

Franklin County Recorder Daniel J. O'Connor Jr.

Franklin County Treasurer Cheryl Brooks Sullivan

Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther\*

Columbus City Council\*

### State and Local Governments

State of Ohio:

- Department of Public Safety
- JobsOhio

Franklin County

Knox County

Union County

City of Bexley

City of Canal Winchester

City of Columbus:

- Division of Fire
- Public Safety Department
- Recreation and Parks Department

City of Dublin

City of Grove City

City of Lancaster

City of Marysville  
City of New Albany  
City of Reynoldsburg  
City of Upper Arlington  
City of Worthington  
Village of Johnstown  
Village of Lockbourne  
Village of Plain City  
Village of Shawnee Hills  
Perry Township

### **Agencies & Coalitions**

CelebrateOne  
Central Ohio Transit Authority  
Columbus 2020  
Columbus Chamber of Commerce  
Columbus Downtown Development Corporation\*  
Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority  
Columbus Partnership  
Columbus Region Coalition\*  
Columbus Regional Airport Authority  
Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority  
Experience Columbus  
Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority  
Franklin County Transportation Improvement District  
Human Service Chamber of Franklin County  
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission\*

### **Corporations & Private Business**

AECOM  
American Electric Power  
CASTO  
CBRE  
CoverMyMeds  
Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.  
Daimler  
Duke Realty  
Easton Town Center  
ELFORD, INC.  
IRONFAB, LLC  
Kaufman Development  
Mighty Crow  
NAI Ohio Equities, LLC  
Nationwide Realty Investors  
Next Step Business Consulting  
Ohio MBE  
pagetech limited  
Paul Werth Associates  
Planning Next  
RAMA Consulting  
Resource International, Inc.  
Rev1 Ventures  
Root Insurance

Steiner + Associates  
Telhio Credit Union  
Wagenbrenner Development  
White Castle

### **Hospitals & Non-Profit Agencies**

AAA Ohio Auto Club  
Africentric Personal Development Shop, Inc.  
Age Friendly Columbus  
All That  
Alvis  
Catholic Social Services  
Central Community House  
Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio  
Clean Fuels Ohio  
Columbus Association for the Performing Arts  
Columbus Early Learning Centers  
Columbus Foundation  
Columbus Landmarks  
Columbus Urban League  
Community Development for All People  
Community Housing Network  
Economic & Community Development Institute  
Freedom a la Cart  
FUEL Franklinton  
Future Ready Columbus  
Godman Guild  
Goodwill Columbus  
Greater Columbus Arts Council  
Habitat for Humanity MidOhio  
Homeport  
Jefferson Avenue Center  
Jewish Family Services  
Local Matters  
LSS Choices  
LSS Faith Mission  
Mt. Carmel Health Systems  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
Nationwide Children's Hospital\*  
Netcare Access  
Ohio Business Development Center  
OhioHealth  
Ronald McDonald House  
Southeast Healthcare Services  
Starfish Alliance  
Transit Columbus  
United Way of Central Ohio  
YMCA of Central Ohio  
YWCA Columbus

### **Educational Institutions**

Columbus City Schools  
Cristo Rey Columbus High School  
Columbus College of Art & Design

Columbus State Community College  
The Ohio State University

**Professional Organizations & Trade  
Associations**

American Council of Engineering Companies  
(ACEC) of Ohio  
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE),  
Central Ohio Section  
American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE),  
Central Ohio Section  
Association for Bridge Construction & Design  
(ABCD) Central Ohio Chapter  
Building Industry Association of Central Ohio  
Columbus Building Trades Council  
Communications Workers of America Local 4502  
Ohio Contractor's Association\*  
Sheet Metal Workers Local #24  
Urban Land Institute Columbus District Council  
Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Columbus  
Chapter

**Business Associations & Neighborhood  
Organizations**

Brewery District Merchant Association &  
Community Association  
Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District\*  
Discovery Special Improvement District\*  
Franklinton Board of Trade  
German Village Society  
German Village Walking Club  
Miranova Condominium Association  
Ohio Housing and Lodging Association  
Parsons Avenue Merchants Association  
Schumacher Place Civic Association

**Other Stakeholders**

Otto Beatty III  
Mary Debenport

**Editorial & Media Information**

Editorial, "Federal funds would help transform I-  
70/71 split," *The Columbus Dispatch*, May 8, 2019.  
Alexis Moberger, "Gas tax hike helps I-70 and I-71  
revamp project move forward," *ABC6*, April  
15th, 2019.  
Chris Galford, "Ohio transportation budget  
includes three endangered central state  
projects," *Transportation Today*, April 25, 2019.  
"Massive Columbus Crossroads project continues  
next week," *Qfm96, 96.3 WLVQ* – Radio.  
"DeWine Says Gas Tax Hike Funding Latest Round  
of Columbus," *Ohio Public Radio*, April 16, 2019.



# MIKE DEWINE

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## GOVERNOR OF OHIO

May 21, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

Columbus Crossroads is a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in downtown Columbus and improve freight movement across Ohio and the Midwest. I write to express our strong support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project. I also urge your support for this site project which experienced over 1000 crashes between 2015 to 2017 and consistently ranks in Ohio's top 10 high crash locations.

Phase 4 focuses on the physical overlap of I-70 and I-71, which serves commuter traffic from across Central Ohio, in addition to freight from across the nation. The overlap carries 130,000 vehicles per day – including 17,100 commercial vehicles – and exceeds its design capacity by 50,000 vehicles. As a result, ODOT has identified the 70/71 overlap is as a freight bottleneck.

The 70/71 overlap also lies in a “trench” which creates a physical barrier between the central business district of Columbus and neighborhoods south of the downtown area. Consequently, Phase 4 is essential not only for improving safety and reducing congestion, but also for improving accessibility for both commuters and pedestrians to essential services and over 100,000 jobs.

The Phase 4 INFRA application leverages a major local investment of over \$60 million to replace obsolete highway infrastructure and reconnect, restore, and revitalize downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. A diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have collaborated with ODOT, the City of Columbus, and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) over the last decade to develop and implement this comprehensive vision.

Completion of the Columbus Crossroads project is a top priority for the state. This project cannot be completed without leveraging additional funding from the INFRA grants program. I respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the safety and prosperity of our state and region and to the resiliency of the national interstate highway system.

Very respectfully yours,



Mike DeWine  
Governor, State of Ohio

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 28, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Madam Secretary,

We write to bring your attention to the competitive application submitted by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the City of Columbus for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program.

We understand that the Columbus Crossroads project is a top priority for central Ohio and has the support of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Specifically, ODOT and the City of Columbus seek funding for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project, which focuses on the physical overlap of I-70 and I-71 that serves commuter and freight traffic from throughout the Midwest and across the country. The overlap carries an average of 130,000 vehicles a day, which exceeds the current design capacity by 50,000 vehicles. Phase 4 is vital to completing and implementing the comprehensive vision of the Columbus Crossroads Project.

Assistance from your agency would help replace aging infrastructure that will improve safety, reduce congestion for commuter and freight traffic, reconnect neighborhoods, and improve access to jobs and services in downtown Columbus.

Please give full and fair consideration to this request. If you have any questions, please contact our offices. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Sherrod Brown  
United States Senator



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Rob Portman  
United States Senator

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 26, 2019

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Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application

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This INFRA grant will replace obsolete highway infrastructure at the Columbus Crossroads and reconnect, restore, and revitalize Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. ODOT, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have collaborated over the last decade to develop and implement this comprehensive vision.

Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project focuses on the physical overlap of I-70 and I-71. The overlap serves commuter travel from across Central Ohio and freight from across the Midwest. The overlap carries 130,000 vehicles per day – including 17,100 commercial vehicles – and exceeds its design capacity by 50,000 vehicles. The overlap's trench creates a physical barrier between Downtown Columbus and the neighborhoods south of the overlap. Phase 4, which costs approximately \$199 million, is essential to improve safety and reduce congestion for commuters and pedestrians; improve access to essential services and more than 100,000 jobs in Downtown Columbus; and reconnect Columbus neighborhoods.

Completion of the Columbus Crossroads project has been identified as a top priority for the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio region, and the State of Ohio. However, this project cannot be completed without additional funding from the INFRA grants program. We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of the State of Ohio and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system. We thank you for your time and consideration of this letter, and respectfully request your support for this application.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Semanko in Representative Beatty's office at [Nicholas.Semanko@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Semanko@mail.house.gov), Nick Bush in Representative Stivers' office at [Nick.Bush@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nick.Bush@mail.house.gov), or Nate Zimpher in Representative Balderson's office at [Nate.Zimpher@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nate.Zimpher@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

  
JOYCE BEATTY  
Member of Congress

  
STEVE STIVERS  
Member of Congress

  
TROY BALDERSON  
Member of Congress



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**Stephanie L. Kunze**  
State Senator  
16th District

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Leveraging this major investment to replace obsolete highway infrastructure, Columbus Crossroads also seeks to reconnect, restore, and revitalize Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. ODOT, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have collaborated over the last decade to develop and implement this comprehensive vision.

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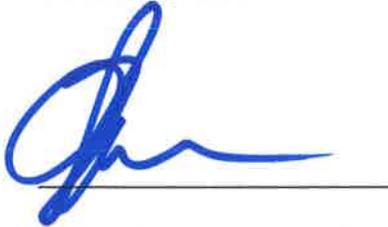
Sincerely,



Stephanie Kunze  
State Senator  
Senate District 16



Hearcel Craig  
State Senator  
Senate District 15



Andrew Brenner  
State Senator  
Senate District 19



Tina Maharath  
State Senator  
Senate District 3



**Bob Hackett**

State Senator  
10<sup>th</sup> District

Committees

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Sincerely,

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Bob Hackett  
State Senator  
10<sup>th</sup> Senate District



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**Brian Hill**  
State Senator  
20th District

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Sincerely,

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Brian Hill  
Ohio Senate District 20



**Jay Hottinger**  
31st District

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Columbus, Ohio 43215  
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Standing Committees

Insurance – Chair  
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Finance Workforce Subcommittee

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Ohio Deferred Compensation  
Ohio Retirement Study Council

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Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to you today to express my support for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project, which would change the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus.

Replacing outdated highway infrastructure through the Columbus Crossroads project would both improve freight movement across Ohio, and revitalize Downtown Columbus and its surrounding neighborhoods. Phase 4 specifically focuses on the physical overlap between I-70 and I-71, which serves commuter traffic across Central Ohio and freight across the Midwest. This phase costs approximately \$200 million, and is essential for improving safety and reducing both commuter and pedestrian congestion.

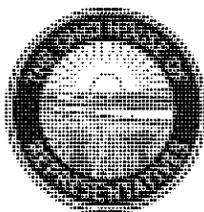
The Columbus Crossroads project has been identified as a top priority across the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio region, and the State of Ohio. However, the project cannot be completed without additional funding from the INFRA grants.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity for me to express my support for such an important project. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 614-466-5838 or by email at, [Hottinger@Ohiosenate.gov](mailto:Hottinger@Ohiosenate.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay".

Jay Hottinger  
State Senator  
31<sup>st</sup> District



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Laura Lanese  
State Representative



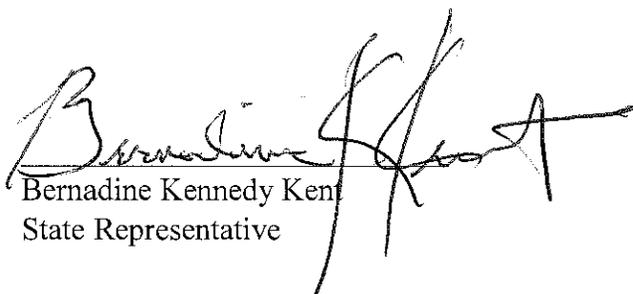
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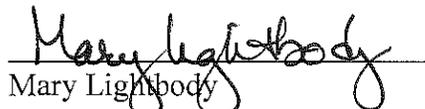
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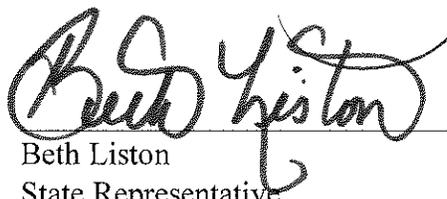
Richard D. Brown  
State Representative



Erica Crawley  
State Representative



Mary Lightbody  
State Representative



Beth Liston  
State Representative



Allison Russo  
State Representative

**Columbus Office**

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**68th House District**

Knox County  
Eastern Delaware County



**Committees**

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Ways and Means

**Rick Carfagna**  
State Representative, 68th House District

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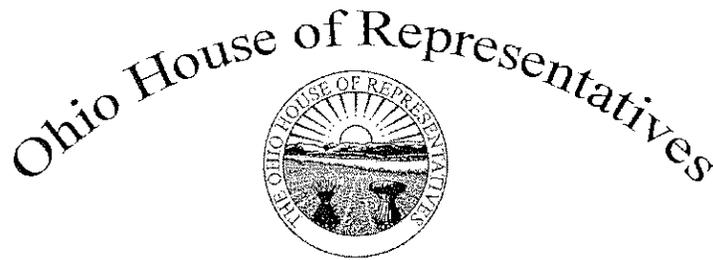
Sincerely,

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Rick Carfagna  
State Representative  
Ohio House District 68

Ohio General Assembly

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Committees

Aging and Long Term Care  
Insurance  
Ways and Means

Scott K. Ryan  
State Representative, District 71

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott K. Ryan".

Scott K. Ryan, State Representative

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**State Representative, 77<sup>th</sup> House District**

February 26, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Sincerely,

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Tim Schaffer  
State Representative  
77<sup>th</sup> Ohio House District



May 10, 2019

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U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
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Sincerely,



Michael Stinziano  
Franklin County Auditor

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590



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**The Honorable Maryellen O'Shaughnessy**  
**Franklin County Clerk of Courts**

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May 13, 2019

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This major investment to replace obsolete highway infrastructure and reconnect, restore, and revitalize Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods is critical to the continued growth of Central Ohio.

Timely completion of Phase 4 will have a major positive impact on Downtown revitalization, for those who live and work Downtown as well as those who conduct business in our Downtown Courthouse complex.

We strongly support the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio region, and the State of Ohio's request for additional funding from the INFRA grants program. We respectfully urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to award this grant, in consideration of the importance of these improvements to the quality of life and continued growth of Central Ohio.

Sincerely,

  
Maryellen O'Shaughnessy  
Franklin County Clerk of Courts

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200  
New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590



## ***Franklin County Coroner's Office***

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May 14, 2019

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**CORNELL R. ROBERTSON, P.E., P.S.**  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY ENGINEER**

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February 28, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: INFRA Grant Columbus Crossroads Phase 4

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to express my support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA Grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project. In my capacity as the Franklin County Engineer, I have a direct responsibility to provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods within the Franklin County limits. With 27 years of experience in the transportation industry, I also fully understand the importance of this project to the State of Ohio, as well as the United States of America.

As I have worked closely with ODOT, the City of Columbus and others on our roadway infrastructure priorities through the years, I believe the key aspects that make the Columbus Crossroads project so important are the following:

- Phase 4 focuses on the physical overlap of I-70 and I-71, which are two major interstate routes in the Midwest. The overlap serves both commuter traffic within Central Ohio, as well as interstate trucking and motorists traveling across the state and beyond. These roadways carry 130,000 vehicles per day, including 17,000 commercial vehicles, which greatly surpasses its current design capacity. Essentially this project's economic impact exceeds by far its local footprint.
- The project is also important to improving safety and reducing congestion for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians in the immediate area around downtown Columbus and to neighborhoods to the south of downtown. Over 100,000 individuals work in the downtown area. In addition, a large number of residents to the south need to traverse the I-70 / I-71 area for work, healthcare and entertainment. The proposed project will dramatically improve their travels.

The Phase 4 project with an estimated cost of \$200 million cannot be completed without leveraging additional funding from the INFRA Grants Program. While my office has had involvement in other recent U.S. Department of Transportation funding applications for projects where this office would have benefited financially more directly, I see the Columbus Crossroads project as the top funding priority in Franklin County.

I appreciate the U. S. Department of Transportation's consideration of this funding request. I see it as an extremely wise infrastructure investment that will reap significant economic and safety benefits. Any questions related to this letter may be directed to me at (614) 525-3030.

Sincerely,



Cornell R. Robertson, P.E., P.S.  
Franklin County Engineer

CRR:tb

cc: W. Fritz Crosier, Ted Beidler



# Daniel J. O'Connor Jr.

Franklin County Recorder

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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May 13, 2019

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# Cheryl Brooks Sullivan

## FRANKLIN COUNTY TREASURER

May 13, 2019

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Cheryl Brooks Sullivan

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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February 28, 2019  
The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

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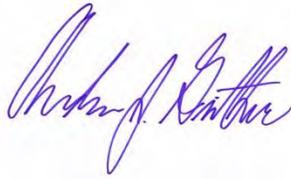
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Andrew J. Ginther,  
Mayor

February 28, 2019

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Decades ago the neighborhood immediately north of downtown, the Short North, was cut off by I-670. Pedestrians would avoid traveling from downtown to this underutilized commercial stripe except by car. With visionary leadership from public and private sectors, Columbus came together to cap the highway, including infrastructure for commercial development. Today, the Short North is the most popular visitor destination in Columbus, contributing to Central Ohio's population and economic growth. The improvements for S. High Street and S. Third Street could provide the same catalytic energy south of downtown that the N. High-670 cap created decades ago.

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Sincerely,



Shannon G. Hardin  
Columbus Council President



**SHANNON G. HARDIN, PRESIDENT | ELIZABETH C. BROWN | MITCHELL J. BROWN  
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May 10, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to express the Ohio Department of Public Safety's (ODPS) strong support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project. Columbus Crossroads is a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in downtown Columbus.

Phase 4 focuses on the physical overlap of I-70 and I-71, which serves commuter traffic from across central Ohio, in addition to freight from across the nation. The overlap carries 130,000 vehicles per day – including 17,100 commercial vehicles – and exceeds its design capacity by 50,000 vehicles, resulting in more than 1,000 crashes between 2015 and 2017. Also, this crossroad consistently ranks in Ohio's top 10 high crash locations.

Completion of the Columbus Crossroads project is a top priority for the City of Columbus, MORPC, ODOT, and ODPS. This vital project will improve the safety of the millions of drivers who drive through this area each year. We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements for improving the safety of Ohio's motoring public.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Stickrath  
Director

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation

**Mission Statement**

*"to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio's motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available."*

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May 14, 2019

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Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

Please consider this letter our support for the Columbus Crossroads multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus, Ohio.

The local partnership includes the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus as a joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the project. Unfortunately, more than 1000 crashes have occurred in this project area between 2015 to 2017, which makes this location one of Ohio's top 10 high crash sites. The current design capacity of 50,000 daily vehicles now carries 130,000 per day, nearly triple the anticipated traffic volume.

The 70/71 overlap also lies in a "trench" which creates a physical barrier between the central business district of Columbus and neighborhoods south of Downtown. Consequently, Phase 4 is essential not only for improving safety and reducing congestion, but also improving accessibility for both commuters and pedestrians to essential services and over 100,000 jobs in Downtown Columbus.

We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the safety and prosperity of our region state, and resiliency of the national interstate highway system.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenda Bumgarner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Glenda Bumgarner  
Senior Director  
JobsOhio

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

May 2, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
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1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
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**Commissioners**

Marilyn Brown  
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Franklin County  
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COMMISSIONERS**

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**Marilyn Brown**

Board President, Franklin County Board of Commissioners

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# Knox County Board of Commissioners

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May 9, 2019

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City of Bexley

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I'm writing this letter to share our community's strong support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus' joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project.

The City of Canal Winchester joins with the City of Columbus, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and other partners in requesting that the U.S. Department of Transportation support this INFRA grant application. We believe that these improvements will add value to the State of Ohio, our region, and ultimately the United States.

Sincerely,

Mayor Michael Ebert  
City of Canal Winchester

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May 13, 2019

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Kevin O'Connor  
Fire Chief

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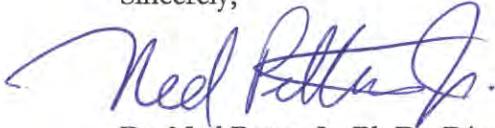
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Dr. Ned Pettus Jr. Ph.D., Director  
Department of Public Safety, City of Columbus

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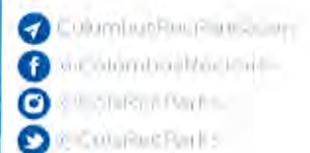
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Tony A. Collins  
Director

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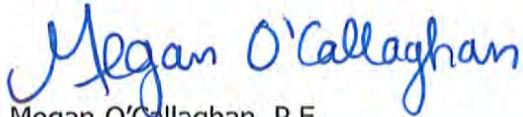
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Megan O'Callaghan, P.E.  
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# The City of Grove City, Ohio

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*Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor*

May 7, 2019

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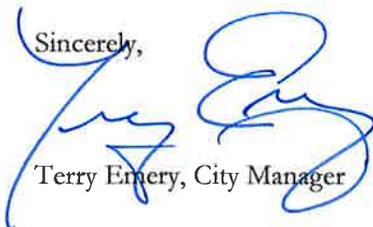
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Terry Emery, City Manager

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May 06, 2019

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## City of Reynoldsburg

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Respectfully,

**Andrew Bowsher**  
Development Director  
City of Reynoldsburg

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation,  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

May 9, 2019

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Sincerely,



Dan Ralley  
Acting City Manager, City of Upper Arlington

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May 10, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao,

The City of Worthington strongly supports the Ohio Department of Transportation and the City of Columbus' Infrastructure of Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant application for the Columbus Crossroads project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus and improve freight movement across Ohio and Midwest.

As a member of the member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, we support this project to revamp a corridor that has been identified as one of the most crash prone in Ohio. The benefits of increased safety, reducing congestion for commuters and pedestrians, and improving access to essential services will boost development opportunities in the Central Ohio region.

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We hope that you will consider the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of our region and state, and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system; by providing funding for this grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew H. Greeson", is written over a large, light blue oval-shaped scribble.

Matthew H. Greeson  
City Manager  
City of Worthington

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May 7, 2019

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Sincerely,



Jim Lenner  
Village Manager  
Village of Johnstown  
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Bailey Klimchak  
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# Village of Lockbourne

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May 8, 2019

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Sincerely,

Christie Ward  
Mayor

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

Darrin Lane, Mayor  
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May 9, 2019

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Nathan E. Cahall  
Village Administrator

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200  
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D. Craig Thompson  
Village Administrator  
Village of Shawnee Hills  
9484 Dublin Road  
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cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation,  
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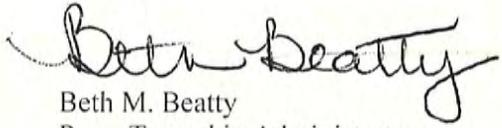
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Beatty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "B".

Beth M. Beatty  
Perry Township Administrator

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590



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Sincerely,

Erika Clark Jones, Executive Director  
CelebrateOne  
Office of Mayor Andrew Ginther

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

May 1, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) supports the City of Columbus' grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project.

Columbus Crossroads casts an ambitious vision for the freeways and urban avenues that move through and connect the Columbus region by improving the I-70/I-71 Innerbelt corridor through Downtown Columbus. Leveraging this major investment to replace obsolete highway infrastructure, Columbus Crossroads also seeks to reconnect, restore, and revitalize Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. The city, along with partners at COTA, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), Columbus 2020 and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities, have collaborated to develop and implement this vision over the last decade.

Specifically, Phase 4 includes rebuilding four bridges (Front, High, 3rd, and 4th streets) across the interstate trench with caps and gateway features that connect Downtown and adjacent neighborhoods. These bridges are used by more than 30 transit lines that provide more than 30,000 daily trips. This phase also includes a new eastbound ramp into Downtown and construction of retaining walls that will allow Livingston Avenue to be converted back to two-way traffic and 1.5 acres of high-value real estate to be reclaimed for transit-oriented development.

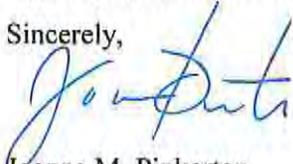
As the largest job center in Central Ohio with more than 100,000 workers, Downtown Columbus is a major economic generator with significant growth potential. Improving commuter access to Downtown is essential to ensuring that jobs remain in the center of the city and leverage existing infrastructure and COTA's transit assets. This investment will support the attractiveness of the C-pass program, an innovative initiative that launched in May 2018 that provides transit passes to Downtown workers through a partnership between downtown property owners, MORPC and COTA.

Additionally, improved bike and pedestrian connections to neighborhoods will help to build a transit-oriented, live-work environment. These investments support the economic vitality of our region, as demonstrated by the return on investment of similar projects at the I-670/US-23 and I-71/I-670 interchanges. These projects have fueled millions of dollars of commercial and community-serving development along North High Street and Long and Spring streets since their completion in 2003 and 2014.

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COTA respectfully requests that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of our region and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system upon which COTA relies.

Sincerely,



Joanna M. Pinkerton  
President/CEO  
Central Ohio Transit Authority

May 9, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
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Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Columbus 2020, the regional economic development organization representing the 11 county Columbus Region, I offer this letter of support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), City of Columbus and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application.

The City of Columbus and the Columbus Region are consistently among the top performing major markets for population and job growth in the Midwestern United States. Our central location offers access to nearly half of the US population within a one-day delivery, which has resulted in significant growth and investment in our logistics sector. To sustain our economic and population growth, we must continue to invest in key infrastructure projects that support the efficient and safe movement of both people and goods.

The Columbus Crossroads project is a prime example of the type of infrastructure investment our region has elevated as a priority. The \$1.3 billion multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus is designed to address safety and traffic flow factors that will directly impact many of those commuting to and from our downtown every day. The project would also improve the flow of freight across the Region and State, supporting the continued growth of one of our key sectors.

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Sincerely,



**KENNY McDONALD, CEcD**

President and Chief Economic Officer

**Columbus 2020**, 150 South Front St, Suite 200 Columbus, OH 43215

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

May 15, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

Founded in 1884, the Columbus Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice of business within the 11-county Columbus region, with nearly 2,000 members employing over 500,000 workers. A focus of the Chamber's government relations efforts centers on Transportation and Infrastructure, advocating for a fully integrated and advanced multi-modal transportation network to facilitate and advance the growth and sustainability of the region's logistics, manufacturing, and related industries. The Columbus Region Logistics Council (CRLC), an initiative of the Columbus Chamber, includes a diverse group of 120 companies that span the supply chain and logistics industries.

The Columbus Chamber and CRLC are pleased to submit this letter of support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project. Columbus Crossroads is a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus and improve freight movement across Ohio and Midwest. This investment is of great important to Chamber members, employees, and the business community at large. With the region expecting to grow by more than 1 million residents by 2050, safety and reliability of transportation to jobs is a top workforce priority. In order to increase safety and maintain the region's competitiveness by relieving traffic congestion and adding capacity, we urge your support for this catalytic project of national and regional importance.

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For the aforementioned reasons, we respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of our region and state, and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system; and urge your support for the application.

Sincerely,



Don DePerro  
President & CEO

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation  
Central Ohio Congressional Delegation

**COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

February 28, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

As the CEO of the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation (CDDC), I strongly support the City of Columbus' grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project. This is a visionary project that creates greater connectivity to and through Downtown Columbus, the region's economic anchor, by improving the I-70/I-71 Innerbelt corridor.

CDDC is proud to have partnered with the City of Columbus on numerous, city-changing, catalytic projects including Columbus Commons, the Scioto Mile and Scioto Greenways. The City of Columbus, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have partnered to develop and execute this plan over the course of the last 10 years. This type of collaboration is the "Columbus Way" and the reason we've experience a strong renaissance in our Downtown.

Currently, the overlap of I-70 and I-71 not only serves commuter and commercial traffic, carrying 130,00 vehicles a day and exceeding its design capacity by 50,00 vehicles, it creates a barrier between downtown and neighborhoods to the south. By rebuilding four bridges (Front, High, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> streets) across the interstate trench with caps and gateway features, new pedestrian-friendly corridors will be created, connecting German Village and the Brewery District to downtown's greenspaces, cultural amenities and jobs.

As the largest job center in Central Ohio with more than 100,000 workers, Downtown Columbus is a major economic generator with significant growth potential. Phase 4, which costs approximately \$200 million, is essential for improving safety, reducing congestion and increasing access to downtown for commuters and pedestrians.

Completion of the Columbus Crossroads project is a key priority to continue the strong momentum Downtown Columbus is experiencing. However, this project cannot be completed without leveraging additional funding from the INFRA grants program. We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of our downtown, city, state and region, and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system.

Sincerely,



Guy Worley  
President & CEO



**COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
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April 24, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, I am writing to offer our support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA application. Columbus Crossroads is a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus and improve freight movement across Ohio and Midwest. I write this letter to (1) express our strong support and to reinforce the strong regional support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project; and (2) to urge your support for this catalytic project of national and regional importance.

Leveraging this major investment to replace obsolete highway infrastructure, Columbus Crossroads also seeks to reconnect, restore, and revitalize Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. ODOT, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have collaborated over the last decade to develop and implement this comprehensive vision.

Phase 4 focuses on the physical overlap of I-70 and I-71. The overlap serves commuter traffic from across Central Ohio, and it serves freight from across the Midwest. The overlap carries 130,000 vehicles per day – including 17,100 commercial vehicles – and exceeds its design capacity by 50,000 vehicles. The overlap's trench creates a physical barrier between Downtown Columbus and the neighborhoods south of the overlap. Phase 4, which costs approximately \$200 million, is essential for improving safety and reducing congestion for commuters and pedestrians; improving access to essential services and more than 100,000 jobs in Downtown Columbus; and reconnecting the southern neighborhoods.

Completion of the Columbus Crossroads project has been identified as a top priority for the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio region, and the State of Ohio. The state recently passed a transportation budget that generates more revenue through higher gas user fees and increased registration fees for local governments and electric vehicles. However, this project cannot be completed without leveraging additional funding from the INFRA grants program. We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of our region and state, and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system; and we respectfully urge your support for the application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CHILLMAN', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Charles D. Hillman  
President & CEO  
Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

May 1, 2019

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**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Columbus Partnership, I write to express our strong support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project. As a civic organization of over 70 community and business leaders, the Partnership is committed to creating a strong and vibrant region that attracts new industries and helps our existing businesses to flourish. Therefore, I urge you to support this catalytic project that is vital to the efficiency of our region's transportation network and its continued growth.

Transportation infrastructure is a critical aspect to advancing Central Ohio and our state's overall prosperity. The Columbus Region has made great strides in the past decade. As we continue to draw employers and young professionals from around the world, Columbus continues to serve as an economic driver for the state of Ohio. However, this population growth and economic development has come with an increased demand on our roadways. The high traffic volume of passenger vehicles and commercial freight flowing through our region supports businesses, provides jobs and ultimately drives our economy.

With so much dependent on the quality of our roads, bridges and highways, we must complete this multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus and improve freight movement across Ohio and Midwest. Investments made to Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads will serve to reconnect, restore and revitalize Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. Phase 4 is essential for improving safety and reducing congestion for commuters and pedestrians; improving access to essential services and more than 100,000 jobs in Downtown Columbus; and reconnecting the southern neighborhoods.

Completion of the Columbus Crossroads project has been identified as a top priority for the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio region, and the State of Ohio. We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of our region and state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Alex R. Fischer  
President and CEO

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590



March 1, 2019

MEMBERS:

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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Columbus Region Coalition (CRC) is a group of local governments, members of the business community, and other community stakeholders that make up the diverse interests of the Columbus Region. As the collective voice of our region, we urge you to support the Columbus Crossroads INFRA application.

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Leveraging this major investment to replace obsolete highway infrastructure, Columbus Crossroads will benefit freight and industry located in the fringe urban and rural areas, commuters living outside the urbanized area, and patients who live in rural areas but require advanced medical care available in Columbus. ODOT, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have collaborated over the last decade to develop and implement this comprehensive vision.

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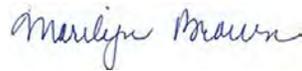
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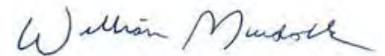
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April 17, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

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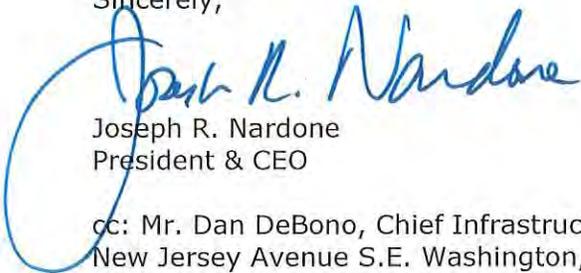
As you may know, the Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA) is responsible for many assets in central Ohio including John Glenn Columbus International Airport where passenger traffic has increased 35 percent over the last five years. This application's improvements on the mainline interstates will improve safety, remove bottlenecks and reduce congestion for both our residents and visitors. In addition, the increasing amount of air cargo moving to and from Rickenbacker International Airport will have the ability to benefit from this transformational project.

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Sincerely,



Joseph R. Nardone  
President & CEO

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590



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May 6, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

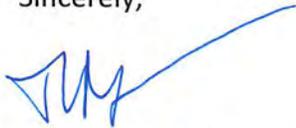
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Sincerely,



Jean Carter Ryan  
President and trustee, Central Ohio Transit Authority

c: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation,  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

May 10, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

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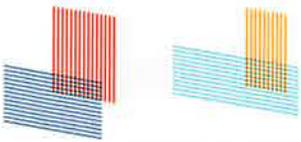
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Efficient accessibility to our community is crucial when attracting 41.1 million visitors annually that support 78,000 jobs in the hospitality industry and these same visitors spend \$7 billion annually in Columbus and Franklin County.



Sincerely,  
Brian Ross

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation,  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590



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April 17, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Sincerely,

Don L. Brown, Executive Director  
Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

# FRANKLIN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

April 23, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

## Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

Columbus Crossroads is a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus and improve freight movement across Ohio and Midwest. I write this letter to (1) express the strong support of the Franklin County Transportation Improvement District and to reinforce the strong regional support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project; and (2) to urge your support for this catalytic project.

Leveraging this major investment to replace obsolete highway infrastructure, Columbus Crossroads also seeks to reconnect, restore, and revitalize Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. ODOT, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have collaborated over the last decade to develop and implement this comprehensive vision.

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Sincerely,



Cornell Robertson, P.E., P.S.

Franklin County Engineer  
Chairman, Franklin County Transportation Improvement District

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation



May 2019

Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Secretary Chao:

The Human Service Chamber of Franklin County represents 71 nonprofit organizations serving vulnerable and diverse populations in the 14<sup>th</sup> largest city in the United States. We seek to ensure access to affordable and quality housing, healthcare, social services and legal services to Americans old and new. We also seek systemic changes to make our community and our country more equitable for all, including systemic changes to our transportation system.

This is why we are supporting Columbus Crossroads, a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project that will transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus. Part of that transformation will address a problem created when these interstates were built decades ago: These interstates divided neighborhoods—especially black neighborhoods—creating physical barriers for several generations in our community.

Columbus Crossroads seeks to reconnect, restore, and revitalize Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. Phase 4 focuses on the physical overlap of I-70 and I-71, which creates a massive physical barrier between Downtown Columbus and the neighborhoods south of the overlap. Phase 4 is essential for improving safety and reducing congestion for commuters and pedestrians, to be sure; but it is instrumental in ensuring access to essential human and social services and more than 100,000 jobs in Downtown Columbus, reconnecting southern neighborhoods to the central city.

Accordingly, I write this letter (1) to support the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus' joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project; and (2) to urge *your* support for this catalytic project of national and regional importance.

Help Columbus show the country how to build infrastructure for the future while bringing our community closer together by addressing the mistakes we have made in our past.

Sincerely,

Michael Corey  
*Executive Director*  
*Human Service Chamber of Franklin County*

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590



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February 25, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), I write to express our strong support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project. Accordingly, we urge your support for this transformational project of national and regional importance.

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As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Columbus, Ohio urbanized area, MORPC is comprised of more than 60 local governments and regional organizations in the quickly growing Central Ohio region. The Columbus Crossroads project is included in our 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and was identified as a top priority for the region through the Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP) initiative. CAP is an initiative of Columbus 2020 and MORPC that prioritizes and advances strategic infrastructure investments across Central Ohio.

**William Murdock, AICP**  
*Executive Director*

**Rory McGuinness**  
*Chair*

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*Vice Chair*

**Erik J. Janas**  
*Secretary*

Additionally, MORPC has supported the Columbus Crossroads project with a \$20 million commitment of federal attributable funding, specifically Surface Transportation Program (STP) / Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funds. This commitment includes the MORPC funding outlined in the application for Phase 4 project components.

We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation considers the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of our region and state and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William Murdock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

William Murdock, AICP  
Executive Director  
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

May 9, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
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Sincerely,



Kristen L. Atha  
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May 10, 2019

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Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

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At AEP, safety is our highest priority and we cannot ignore the alarming number of accidents that occur on this stretch of highway in our headquarters city. While it represents only 6% of our freeway system, this stretch of highway sees 25% of our vehicle accidents. It ranks in the top 10 for freeway crashes in Ohio. It is a heavily congested corridor with 130,000 vehicles traveling through each day, including 17,000 trucks. This traffic volume exceeds current design capacity by 50,000 vehicles per day. One of the major attributes of the project is that it will eliminate 95% of lane changes that drivers are currently forced to make, which leads to most of the accidents.

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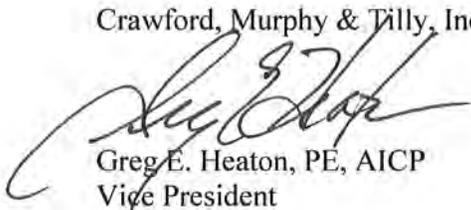
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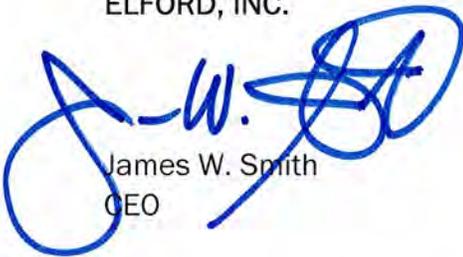
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James W. Smith  
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Gretchen Clark Hammond, PhD, MSW, LSW, LCDR, TTS  
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Michael Simpson

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590



**Brian J. Ellis**  
President & Chief Operating Officer

May 9, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to extend my support for the Columbus Crossroads, \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus.

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This major investment to replace obsolete highway infrastructure and improve connectivity is critical to the state's continued growth, and Downtown Columbus' viability and long-term success.

As one of the region's largest employers, Nationwide has a vested interest in improving commuter traffic and efficiently and effectively moving more people throughout the region. In addition, as the owner and developer of the densely populated Arena District and Grandview Yard mixed-use developments, Nationwide Realty Investors is supportive of the Columbus Crossroads project as we continue to compete on a national scale to attract major employers to our premier business districts.

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Lauren Edwards  
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Regards,

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Ronda Barber

Publisher

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Sincerely,

John W. Page – President and CEO  
pagetech limited

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April 26, 2019

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Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

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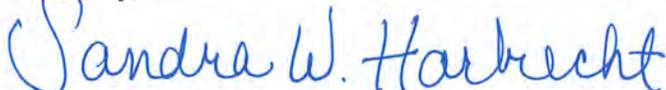
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Sandra W. Harbrecht  
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May 8, 2019

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May 6, 2019

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Mataryun "Mo" Wright  
President and CEO

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Farah B. Majidzadeh  
CEO and Chairperson

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Yaromir Steiner  
CEO

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Karen Daniels  
Chief Retail Officer

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April 22, 2019

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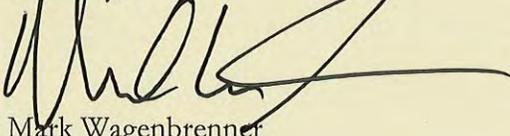
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April 25, 2019

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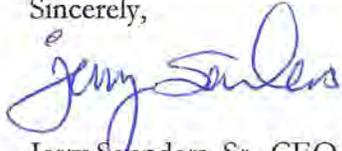
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Jerry Saunders, Sr., CEO

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May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

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**Katie M. White**  
Director of Age-Friendly Communities  
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Danella Hicks, Executive Director

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Sincerely,

Denise M. Robinson  
President and CEO

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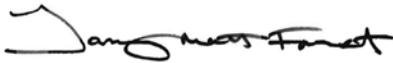
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Support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application will result in improved quality of life, including safety and efficiency, of the families and neighborhoods served by Central Community House.

Best regards,



Tamar Forrest, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

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We view this project is a critical component of achieving greater transportation efficiency and improving the lives of Columbus residents. This will be achieved not only by improving traffic flow but also by creating a connection between the German Village just south of downtown and downtown itself. This physical connection will facilitate and encourage much more pedestrian mode of travel between these heavily populated areas and Columbus economic hub of downtown. It also will enable use of other modes such as scooters and bikes. This promises to greatly reduce reliance on person cars and also the need for parking downtown. All of this will reduce energy consumption and pollution locally and regionally generated by transportation.

Thanks for your consideration of this important project!

Sincerely,



Sam Spofforth, Executive Director

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April 26, 2019

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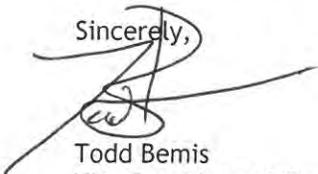
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Todd Bemis  
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Dear Secretary Chao:

Columbus Landmarks is a dedicated group advocating for the preservation of historic architecture, adaptive reuse of old buildings, and new design excellence throughout Greater Columbus. Our organization was founded as a result of the loss of urban fabric and historic architecture from the 1950's through the 1970's.

One of the projects that exacerbated this loss of fabric was the construction of Interstates 70 and 71 through the heart of Downtown Columbus. While this project significantly expanded resident mobility and the movement of freight, it also impacted the economic and social vitality of Downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods. Columbus is still working to repair these issues and will be for decades to come.

The Columbus Crossroads project has already demonstrated its ability to directly address and improve the impacts of the original I-70/71 project. This major investment will replace obsolete highway infrastructure while simultaneously reconnecting, restoring, and revitalizing Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. ODOT, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have collaborated over the last decade to develop and implement this comprehensive vision.

As evidence of the success and community support for this project, the Long Street Bridge and Cultural Wall, a portion of Phase 1 of the Columbus Crossroads project, has been widely embraced as a successful effort to link Downtown and the historic King-Lincoln Bronzeville neighborhood. The project has been a finalist for Columbus Landmark's James B. Recchie Design Award, demonstrating its design quality and community significance

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Completion of the Columbus Crossroads project has been identified as a top priority for the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio region, and the State of Ohio. Columbus Landmark's Executive Leadership, Board of Trustees, and 1000+ members strongly support this critical project. We are dedicated to furthering this effort through our advocacy and public education mechanisms.

Sincerely,

Becky West  
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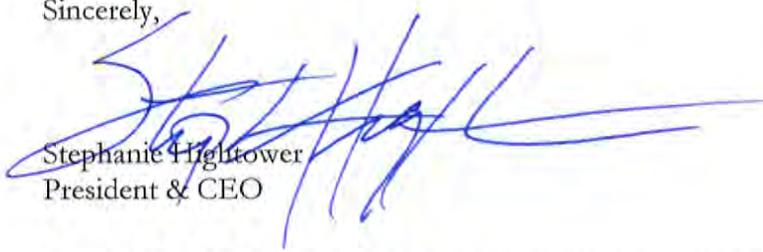
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Rev. John Edgar  
Executive Director

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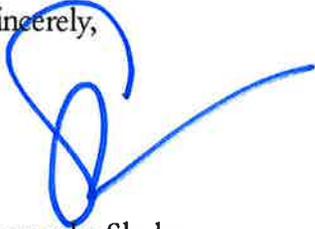
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Paula Haines  
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Eric Skidmore  
Executive Director  
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Jane D. Leach  
Executive Director, Future Ready Columbus

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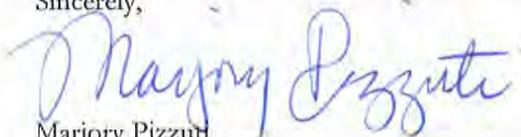
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Tom Katzenmeyer  
President and CEO

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer



May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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President and CEO

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# THE JEFFERSON AVENUE CENTER

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April 23, 2019

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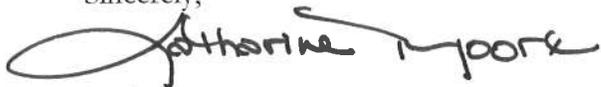
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Sincerely,

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Katharine Moore  
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation



# JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

May 9, 2019

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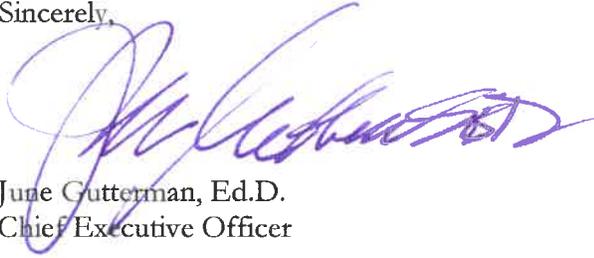
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June Guttenman, Ed.D.  
Chief Executive Officer

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# Local Matters

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May 8, 2019

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Susan Villilo  
Executive Director

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Lauren Wilson  
Executive Director

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## Mount Carmel Health System

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May 2, 2019

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U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Jason Koma  
Regional Director  
Gov. Affairs & Regional Development  
Mount Carmel Health System

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Terry L. Russell, Executive Director

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590



**Steve Allen, M.D., M.B.A., Chief Executive Officer**

February 28, 2019

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King Stumpp  
President & CEO

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This project will be GREAT for small businesses, particularly minority, female and disadvantaged businesses.

Regards,

Ronda Watson Barber  
Founder  
P.O. Box 533  
Granville, OH 43023

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May 2, 2019

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Shawn B. Davis

System Vice President, Community and Government Relations

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April 18, 2019

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Dee Anders  
CEO & Executive Director

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May 6, 2019

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Bill Lee  
CEO  
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Jennifer S. McKenzie, Executive Director of The Starfish Alliance, Inc.

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Sincerely,  
Joshua Lapp, Chair  
Transit Columbus

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joshua Lapp".

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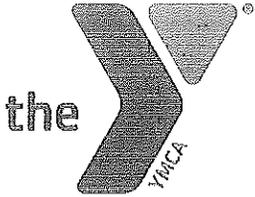
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Lisa S. Courtice, Ph.D.

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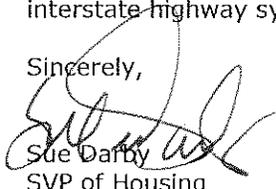
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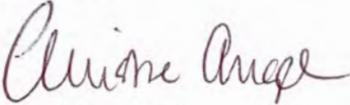
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May 9, 2019

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F. James Foley

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Dr. Melanie Corn  
President

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David T. Harrison

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590



May 3, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

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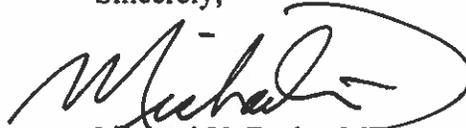
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We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of our region and state, and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system. We respectfully urge your support for the application.

Sincerely,

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Michael V. Drake, MD  
President

c: Dan DeBono, chief infrastructure funding officer, U.S. Department of Transportation



American Council of Engineering Companies  
*of Ohio*

April 30, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
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Beth Easterday  
President

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April 24, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Central Ohio Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), I am writing to express our support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project.

In the most recent Infrastructure Report Card issued by ASCE, roads were given a D-. There is no magic wand we can use to improve the state of America's infrastructure. These improvements must be made step-by-step, state-by-state, in projects such as this. Columbus Crossroads is a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus and improve freight movement across Ohio and the Midwest. It also seeks to reconnect, restore, and revitalize downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods, by connecting the neighborhoods south of the interstate with the downtown area to the north.

Phase 4 of the project focuses on the physical overlap of I-70 and I-71 in Downtown Columbus. The overlap serves commuter traffic from across Central Ohio, and it serves freight from across the Midwest. The overlap carries 130,000 vehicles per day – including 17,100 commercial vehicles – and exceeds its design capacity by 50,000 vehicles. The overlap's trench creates a physical barrier between Downtown Columbus and the neighborhoods to the south. Phase 4, which costs approximately \$200 million, is essential for improving safety and reducing congestion for commuters and pedestrians; and reconnecting the southern neighborhoods.

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Respectfully,

Peter Narsavage, P.E.  
President  
Central Ohio Section, American Society of Civil Engineers

April 23, 2019

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Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Sincerely,

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Emily Preston  
Central Ohio Section President  
American Society of Highway Engineers

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April 25, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

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May 9, 2019

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Jon Melchi  
Executive Director  
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May 8, 2019

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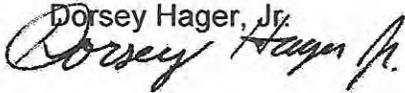
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Dorsey Hager, Jr.



Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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Susan L. Wilson  
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March 5, 2019

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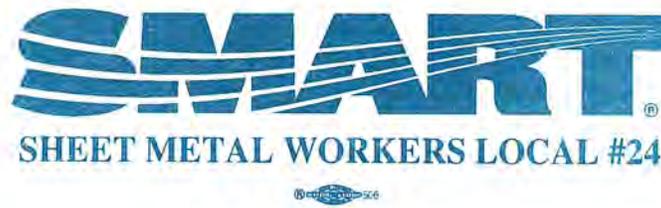
Sincerely,

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Christopher L. Runyan, P.E.

President

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**Rodney French**  
*Business Manager*  
*Financial Secretary-Treasurer*

May 6, 2019

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Rodney French  
Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer

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May 7, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
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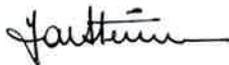
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Sincerely,



Yaromir Steiner  
Chair  
Columbus District Council of the Urban Land Institute

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*Advancing Women in Transportation*  
Columbus Chapter

April 23, 2019

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Dear Secretary Chao:

Columbus Crossroads is a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus and improve freight movement across Ohio and Midwest. The Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Columbus Chapter would like to express our strong support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project; and to urge your support for this transformational project.

WTS is an international organization dedicated to building the future of transportation through the global advancement of women. As a former WTS Woman of the Year for the Washington DC Chapter, you understand that our organization has the vision of seeing equity and access for women in transportation. Not only is the Columbus Crossroads an important project because of all the transportation improvements that it provides, it also is important because this \$1.3 billion project it is being led and managed by Leslie Montgomery, a professional female engineer who has served as project manager since 2010. In addition to Leslie, many of our WTS Columbus Chapter members have dedicated many hours to making it the accomplishment it is today. This project has allowed these women to advance their careers and to showcase that women in our industry can successfully lead billion dollar transportation projects.

The project is part of a mega-project that is replacing obsolete highway infrastructure while also reconnecting, restoring, and revitalizing Downtown Columbus and surrounding communities. ODOT, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have collaborated over the last decade to develop and implement this comprehensive vision.

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Tiffany Elchert  
WTS Columbus Chapter President

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590



May 2nd, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
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**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

Columbus Crossroads is a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus and improve freight movement across Ohio and Midwest. I write this letter to (1) express our strong support and to reinforce the strong regional support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project; and (2) to urge your support for this catalytic project of national and regional importance.

Leveraging this major investment to replace obsolete highway infrastructure, Columbus Crossroads also seeks to reconnect, restore, and revitalize Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. ODOT, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have collaborated over the last decade to develop and implement this comprehensive vision.

Phase 4 focuses on the physical overlap of I-70 and I-71. The overlap serves commuter traffic from across Central Ohio, and it serves freight from across the Midwest. The overlap carries 130,000 vehicles per day – including 17,100 commercial vehicles – and exceeds its design capacity by 50,000 vehicles. The overlap's trench creates a physical barrier between Downtown Columbus and the neighborhoods south of the overlap. Phase 4, which costs approximately \$200 million, is essential for improving safety and reducing congestion for commuters and pedestrians; improving access to essential services and more than 100,000 jobs in Downtown Columbus; and reconnecting the southern neighborhoods.

Completion of the Columbus Crossroads project has been identified as a top priority for the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio region, and the State of Ohio. The state recently passed a transportation budget that generates more revenue through higher gas user fees and increased registration fees for local governments and electric vehicles. However, this project cannot be completed without leveraging additional funding from the INFRA grants program. We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of our region and state, and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system; and we respectfully urge your support for the application.

Sincerely,  
Samuel Linn  
Brewery District Merchant Association President  
Brewery District Community Association President

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200  
New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590



February 26, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the board of trustees for Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District (SID), I am writing to offer strong support for a joint INFRA grant application by the Ohio Department of Transportation and City of Columbus. The SID is an association of 550 commercial and residential property owners in downtown Columbus who are assessed the cost of managing the public realm, promoting downtown, and providing transit access for commuters.

This grant application seeks to reconnect, restore, and revitalize neighborhoods surrounding a section of highway shared by Interstates 70 and 71 in downtown Columbus. ODOT, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have collaborated over the last decade to develop and implement a comprehensive vision.

Reconstructing this section of interstate, which costs a total of approximately \$200 million, is essential for reducing congestion for commuters and improving safety for pedestrians. Grant funds will also help address a physical barrier between downtown Columbus and the neighborhoods south of Interstate 70.

Completion of the Columbus Crossroads project has been identified as a top priority for the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio region, and the State of Ohio. However, this project cannot be completed without leveraging additional funding from the INFRA grants program. We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of our region and state, and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system; and we respectfully urge your support for the application.

Sincerely,

Cleve Ricksecker  
Executive Director





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March 7, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing on behalf of the board of trustees for Discovery Special Improvement District (SID) to offer strong support for a joint INFRA grant application by the Ohio Department of Transportation and City of Columbus. Discovery SID is an association of approximately 300 institutional, commercial, and residential property owners in downtown Columbus who pay assessments for security, promotions, and capital improvements.

Discovery SID encourages the U.S. Department of Transportation to support efforts to reconnect neighborhoods surrounding a section of highway shared by Interstates 70 and 71 in downtown Columbus. ODOT, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have collaborated over the last decade to develop and implement a comprehensive vision.

Reconstructing this section of interstate, which costs a total of approximately \$200 million, is essential for reducing congestion for commuters and improving safety for pedestrians. Grant funds will also help address a physical barrier between downtown Columbus and the neighborhoods south of Interstate 70.

Completion of the Columbus Crossroads project has been identified as a top priority for the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio region, and the State of Ohio. However, this project cannot be completed without leveraging additional funding from the INFRA grants program. We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of our region and state, and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system; and we respectfully urge your support for the application.

Sincerely,

Matt Miller  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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May 6, 2019

The Honorable Elaine I. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

## **Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

Columbus Crossroads is a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus and improve freight movement across Ohio and Midwest. I write this letter to (1) express our strong support and to reinforce the strong regional support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project; and (2) to urge your support for this catalytic project of national and regional importance.

Leveraging this major investment to replace obsolete highway infrastructure, Columbus Crossroads also seeks to reconnect, restore, and revitalize Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. The Franklinton Board of Trade represents the Franklinton, a rapidly revitalizing neighborhood which is immediately to the west of Downtown Columbus. ODOT, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have collaborated over the last decade to develop and implement this comprehensive vision.

Phase 4 focuses on the physical overlap of I-70 and I-71. The overlap serves commuter traffic from across Central Ohio, and it serves freight from across the Midwest. The overlap carries 130,000 vehicles per day – including 17,100 commercial vehicles – and exceeds its design capacity by 50,000 vehicles. The overlap's trench creates a physical barrier between Downtown Columbus and the neighborhoods south of the overlap. Phase 4, which costs approximately \$200 million, is essential for improving safety and reducing congestion for commuters and pedestrians; improving access to essential services and more than 100,000 jobs in Downtown Columbus; and reconnecting the southern neighborhoods.

Completion of the Columbus Crossroads project has been identified as a top priority for the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio region, and the State of Ohio. The state recently passed a transportation budget that generates more revenue through higher gas user fees and increased

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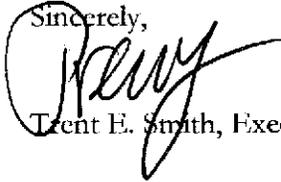
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Sincerely,



Trent E. Smith, Executive Director

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May 8, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

Columbus Crossroads is a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus and improve freight movement across Ohio and Midwest. I write this letter, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and members of the German Village Society to:

- (1) express our strong support and to reinforce the strong regional support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project; and
- (2) to urge your support for this catalytic project of national and regional importance.

Leveraging this major investment to replace obsolete highway infrastructure, Columbus Crossroads also seeks to reconnect, restore, and revitalize Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. It will also create multiple aesthetically appealing gateways into Columbus' South Side, thus creating additional leverage for the revitalization and preservation efforts in this area.

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We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of our region and state, and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system; and we respectfully urge your support for the application.

Sincerely,

Delilah Lopez  
Executive Director

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May 2, 2019

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U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Dear Secretary Chao:

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Leveraging this major investment to replace obsolete highway infrastructure, Columbus Crossroads also seeks to reconnect, restore, and revitalize Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. ODOT, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have collaborated over the last decade to develop and implement this comprehensive vision. **As founder and president of the German Village Walking Club, which encourages community members to walk 3- and 5-mile routes through Downtown neighborhoods and parks, I am eager for safer streets for our walkers.**

Phase 4 focuses on the physical overlap of I-70 and I-71. The overlap serves commuter traffic from across Central Ohio, and it serves freight from across the Midwest. The overlap carries 130,000 vehicles per day – including 17,100 commercial vehicles – and exceeds its design capacity by 50,000 vehicles. The overlap's trench creates a physical barrier between Downtown Columbus and the neighborhoods south of the overlap. Phase 4, which costs approximately \$200 million, is essential for improving safety and reducing congestion for commuters and pedestrians; improving access to essential services and more than 100,000 jobs in Downtown Columbus; and reconnecting the southern neighborhoods.

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Sincerely,  
Larry S. Smith, Founder & President  
German Village Walking Club

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# MIRANOVA

April 17, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

## **Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

Columbus Crossroads is a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus and improve freight movement across Ohio and Midwest. I write this letter to (1) express our strong support and to reinforce the strong regional support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project; and (2) to urge your support for this catalytic project of national and regional importance.

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Sincerely,



Press Southworth, President, Miranova Condominium Association

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590



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May 1, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

Ohio's travel economy is growing, and infrastructure will be critical to continued growth, new jobs and economic prosperity. Columbus Crossroads is a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus, improving commerce and freight movement across Ohio and the Midwest. We wish to express our industry's deep support -- and to reinforce the strong support throughout our region -- for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project. We urge your support for this catalytic project of regional and national importance.

Leveraging this major investment to replace obsolete highway infrastructure, Columbus Crossroads will reconnect, restore and revitalize Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. ODOT, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have exhibited true leadership and effectiveness in collaborating over the last decade to develop and implement this comprehensive vision.

Phase 4 focuses on the physical overlap of I-70/I-71. The overlap serves commuter traffic from across Central Ohio, and it serves freight from across the Midwest. The overlap carries 130,000 vehicles per day -- including 17,100 commercial vehicles -- and exceeds its design capacity by 50,000 vehicles. The overlap's trench creates a physical barrier between Downtown Columbus and the neighborhoods south of the overlap. Phase 4, which costs approximately \$200 million, is essential for improving safety and reducing congestion for commuters and pedestrians; improving access to essential services and to more than 100,000 jobs in Downtown Columbus; and reconnecting the southern neighborhoods.

Completion of the Columbus Crossroads project has been identified as a top priority for the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio region, and the State of Ohio. Our organization supported the state's recently-enacted transportation budget that generates more revenue through higher gas user fees and increased registration fees for local governments and electric vehicles. However, this project cannot be completed without leveraging additional funding from the INFRA grants program. We request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the economy of our region and state, and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system. We respectfully urge your support for the application.

Sincerely,

  
**Joe Savarise**  
Executive Director

  
**Deidra Marshall**  
Board President

  
**Alan Assaf**  
Government Affairs Chair

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Last updated: 4/28/2019

May 10, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Dear Secretary Chao:

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Completion of the Columbus Crossroads project has been identified as a top priority for the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio region, and the State of Ohio. The state recently passed a transportation budget that generates more revenue through higher gas user fees and increased registration fees for local governments and electric vehicles. However, this project cannot be completed without leveraging additional funding from the INFRA grants program. We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of our region and state, and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system; and we respectfully urge your support for the application.

Sincerely,

Bob Leighty

Executive Director, Parsons Area Merchants Association (PAMA)

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

April 30, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Washington, D.C. 20590

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Sincerely,  
Brenda Gischel  
President  
Schumacher Place Civic Association

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590



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May 2, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
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### **Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am a business owner and Columbus, Ohio resident. Both my business and my personal residence are located within 4 blocks of the crossroads of US Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus. My business is located to the north of the interstate and my neighborhood is located to south of the interstate crossroads. The lives of my neighbors, employees and customers are affected daily by the current infrastructure. With this in mind, we support the Columbus INFRA Application.

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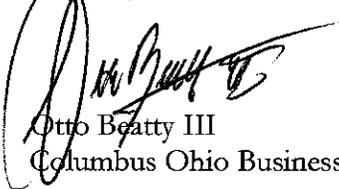
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Sincerely,



Otto Beatty III  
Columbus Ohio Business Owner and Resident

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Dear Secretary Chao:

Columbus Crossroads is a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus and improve freight movement across Ohio and Midwest. I write this letter to (1) express my strong support and to reinforce the strong regional support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project; and (2) to urge your support for this catalytic project of national and regional importance.

Leveraging this major investment to replace obsolete highway infrastructure, Columbus Crossroads also seeks to reconnect, restore, and revitalize Downtown Columbus and surrounding neighborhoods. ODOT, the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and a diverse group of community stakeholders and business entities have collaborated over the last decade to develop and implement this comprehensive vision.

Phase 4 focuses on the physical overlap of I-70 and I-71. The overlap serves commuter traffic from across Central Ohio, and it serves freight from across the Midwest. The overlap carries 130,000 vehicles per day – including 17,100 commercial vehicles – and exceeds its design capacity by 50,000 vehicles. The overlap's trench creates a physical barrier between Downtown Columbus and the neighborhoods south of the overlap. Phase 4, which costs approximately \$200 million, is essential for improving safety and reducing congestion for commuters and pedestrians; improving access to essential services and more than 100,000 jobs in Downtown Columbus; and reconnecting the southern neighborhoods.

Completion of the Columbus Crossroads project has been identified as a top priority for the City of Columbus, the Central Ohio region, and the State of Ohio. The state recently passed a transportation budget that generates more revenue through higher gas user fees and increased registration fees for local governments and electric vehicles. However, this project cannot be completed without leveraging additional funding from the INFRA grants program. We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of our region and state, and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system; and we respectfully urge your support for the application.

Sincerely,  
Mary (Dee) Debenport  
Merion Village Block Watch Coordinator

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation,  
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### Federal funds would help transform I-70/71 split

**A**s anyone who's traversed Downtown during rush hour knows, traffic doesn't get much hairier than where Interstate 70 and Interstate 71 come together briefly before continuing their east-west and north-south paths, respectively.

Data tell the story: 130,000 vehicles a day including 17,000 trucks; traffic exceeds design capacity by 50,000 vehicles a day; the overlap represents 6% of the Columbus freeway system but sees 25% of freeway crashes.

A \$216 million construction project, known as Columbus Crossroads Phase 4, has been planned to eliminate the bottleneck ranked second worst in the state last year.

Improvements are projected to reduce travel delays by 97% and eliminate 95% of lane changes drivers must now make.

The project has funds committed from the state (\$146 million), city of Columbus (\$27 million) and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (\$3 million). It needs \$40 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation to become reality.

Just as important as what the Phase 4 trench will do to ease traffic through the city is what four rebuilt bridges above it will do to reconnect Downtown, German Village and the Brewery District and create economic development opportunities and new pedestrian green space.

As the High Street

cap over I-670 helped transform and reconnect Downtown with the Short North, a new Third Street cap proposes similar commercial capacity while a new High Street bridge would include a double-sided green cap. Rebuilding Front and Fourth streets' bridges also will boost development opportunities.

City, state and federal elected officials and dozens of businesses, community organizations and nonprofits have endorsed federal funding for the project.

With \$900 million available nationwide, The Dispatch strongly urges USDOT to award \$40 million in Infrastructure for Rebuilding America discretionary grant funds to Capital Crossroads Phase 4.



ABC6 (Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019)  
Alexis Moberger

## **Gas tax hike helps I-70 and I-71 revamp project move forward**

Governor Mike DeWine says several Columbus transportation projects that were in jeopardy of cancellation are now moving forward. It's all thanks to the recently passed gas tax hike. (WSYX/WTTE)

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Governor Mike DeWine says several Columbus transportation projects that were in jeopardy of cancellation are now moving forward. It's all thanks to the recently passed gas tax hike.

DeWine says the bill will generate \$828.5 million a year in additional funding for maintenance projects and safety upgrades on Ohio roads.

A major local project called, Columbus Crossroads can now be set in motion. The project includes three future phases, the current one, which crews will begin next week, includes reconstructing I-70 East from Fourth Street to Miller Avenue. A new ramp will also be added to I-70 East to Parsons Avenue. Ultimately, it will make for a safer exits and entrances at Nationwide Children's Hospital. This phase is expected to take just under three years.

"We see over 1.5 million patient encounters a year, the vast majority of those patients arrive via car," said Patty McClimon, senior vice president at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Governor Mike DeWine said, the current phase, set to begin next week was already in the budget. However, the future three phases were in danger of being cancelled. Now, the gas tax increase, which is set to take effect July 1, will create enough construction money.

"Future phases of the Columbus Crossroads projects simply would not have happened, they would have been put on hold I guess for forever, without the increase in the revenue passed by the general assembly," said DeWine.

Other phases include reconstruction and widening of 71 from Broad Street to Long Street. a project that will begin in a year. This phase will also widen part of I-71 northbound and replaces the Broad Street Bridge to make it more pedestrian friendly. In about two years, the reconstruction of 70 eastbound and 71 northbound will begin. This project includes building a new ramp from 70 east to Fulton Street to create a new

eastbound gateway to downtown and will replace the Front Street Bridge. Eventually, there will be two continuous 71 north lanes through downtown.

Then in three years, crews will construct a new ramp from Mound Street to 71 south.

"I think that will be great and help with the congestion and moving traffic through a little bit better," said driver Lashun Burris.

Part of the project also includes fewer lane changes, which will hopefully decrease the number of crashes. It also aims to improve safety at three of the state's top ten crash locations. Those locations include, I-70 over 315, I-70 just east of 315 and 70/71 near Front Street.

Drivers say they're happy the project can now move forward. However, they aren't looking forward to more construction.

"I think it's going to be a nightmare but I think it's a nightmare we're going to have to live through," said driver Sue Dozer.

Link: <https://abc6onyourside.com/news/local/gas-tax-hike-helps-i-70-and-i-71-revamp-project-move-forward>



## **Ohio transportation budget includes three endangered central state projects**

The latest Ohio transportation budget — contained in the recently passed House Bill 62 — has guaranteed that three projects in the central region of the state are saved from cancellation.

Gov. Mike DeWine made the announcement, securing the future of the Columbus Crossroads project. That project has three future phases left to it, which will result in the reconfiguration of the I-70/I-71 interchange running through downtown Columbus, Ohio.

“This interchange was built in the 1960s, and Columbus has long outgrown it,” DeWine said. “Right now, drivers are traveling on a highway system that wasn’t built to handle the number of cars that travel in and out of Columbus today. Now that these three phases of the Columbus Crossroads project will proceed as planned, we can look forward to a safer interchange in the future.”

The project includes a \$43.8 million reconstruction and widening of I-71 expected to take a year. Additional efforts will take place on I-70 eastbound and I-71 northbound, costing another \$103.6 million, with a notable start date of around two years from now. They will replace the Front Street Bridge and create a new ramp for access between eastbound and the city’s downtown. Other reconstruction efforts will be pursued on I-70 westbound and I-71 southbound, focusing on new ramp constructions under a \$107.2 million price tag. That final project is expected to begin in around three years.

“Without the funding provided in House Bill 62, these phases could have been delayed for years or permanently put on hold,” Jack Marchbanks, Ohio Department of Transportation Director, said. “These next three phases are essential pieces of the puzzle and will make a meaningful reduction in traffic crashes through this notoriously congested stretch of interstate.”

The new budget grants more than \$800 million per year of additional funds for such maintenance projects and road safety upgrades statewide. Thanks to the addition, the Columbus Crossroads project began its next phase this week.

Link: <https://transportationtodaynews.com/news/13616-ohio-transportation-budget-includes-three-endangered-central-state-projects/>



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## **Massive Columbus Crossroads project continues next week**

COLUMBUS – More than \$300 million worth of Central Ohio transportation projects that were in jeopardy of cancellation will be moving forward in the next three years, thanks to the new state transportation budget and its 10 ½-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax increase approved by the General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. Mike DeWine earlier this month.

The bill will generate approximately \$828.5 million a year in additional funding for maintenance projects and upgrades on roads throughout Ohio, including the sprawling Columbus Crossroads project to rebuild the I-70/I-71 “split” through downtown Columbus to decrease congestion and reduce crashes.

Several phases of the project are already finished, but the new funding ensures that the entire project will eventually be complete.

“This interchange was built in the 1960s, and Columbus has long outgrown it...Now that we know the Columbus Crossroads project will proceed as planned, we can look forward to a safer interchange in the future,” DeWine said.

The current 2.5-year \$80 million phase of the project, which will begin next week, will reconstruct and widen the eastbound side of I-70 from 4th Street to Miller Avenue and includes a new ramp from I-70 east to Parsons Avenue to provide improved access to Nationwide Children’s Hospital and East Side neighborhoods, Ohio Department of Transportation Director Jack Marchbanks said.

At the conclusion of the construction, there will be two continuous lane of travel for both interstates in both directions.

That will be followed over the next three years by three more phases of the project, widening I-71 on the east side of Downtown and rebuilding the East Side I-70/I-71 split, including bridge replacements and additions of ramps.

“These next three phases are essential pieces of the puzzle and will make a meaningful reduction in traffic crashes through this notoriously congested stretch of interstate,” Marchbanks said.

Those construction projects will be complete by the end of 2024 at a cost of \$253 million, said DeWine and Marchbanks during a press conference Monday.

ODOT officials estimate the reconstruction will eliminate nearly 70 percent of the lane changes approaching the East Side split and will also relieve bottlenecks and back-ups

while improving safety at three of the state's top 10 accident locations: I-70 over State Route 315, just east of SR 315 and I-70/I-71 near Front Street. The highway construction will coincide with improvements to a number of downtown and East Side streets, including Mound Street, Fulton Street and Elijah Pierce Avenue.

New bridges at Front Street, Grant Avenue and Broad Street will include pedestrian walkways and greenery.

Link: <https://qfm96.com/news/061160-massive-columbus-crossroads-project-continues-next-week/>



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## **DeWine Says Gas Tax Hike Funding Latest Round of Columbus**

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine has unveiled plans for the next phase of construction on the I-70-71 split downtown.

He says the recently approved gas tax increase will make projects like this possible for a little while. Ohio Public Radio's Karen Kasler reports.

DeWine says big exchanges like Columbus Crossroads at the I-70/I-71 corridor are in urban areas, but there are smaller safety-related road projects throughout the state. And they'll all be helped by the gas tax increase taking effect July 1. He'd wanted 18 cents, which he says would have financed a ten year plan for road construction, repair and maintenance, but he appreciates the 10 and a half cent hike.

"This is a shorter time. I'm not sure how many years, but this is shorter time. But we're going to be fine for the first couple of years, first three years probably. Maybe into the fourth year."

The gas tax increase will bring in \$865 million a year, with 55 percent going to the state and the rest to local governments.

Link: <https://www.wcbe.org/post/dewine-says-gas-tax-hike-funding-latest-round-columbus-crossroads-construction>